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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being submitted in response to the Examiner's Action mailed November 23, 2005 setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response, the eighth official action in this case. This amendment is being filed on February 15, 2006, within the shortened statutory period.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this document.

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